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BRAVO, YOU TONOPAH GIRLS

WHAT matter that the score was thirteen to fifteen, instead of fifteen to thirteen? Our doughty basketball team did its level best, displaying splendid training and possession of full knowledge of the game. A difference of a single goal would have made the girls of the Tonopah high school champions of the state, but the goal was not attained.

Let them be welcomed back and cheered just as though they brought the laurels home with them, for it is a positive certainty that with every sinew of their lithe bodies and every particle of grey matter in their active brains, they tried just as hard as though they had been destined to win and are deserving of just as much credit for a defeat in which there is no disgrace.

ONLY REGRETTABLE FEATURE

TONOPAH is proud and pleased to view the magnificent silver service to be presented to the Superdreadnaught Nevada by the people of this state, but it is regrettable that there was a hitch in the proceedings some where and the local committee could not be notified of the plans in time to make arrangements to have the service exhibited up town, say in the Elks' home or the lobby of the Mizpah hotel, where all could view it and where public exercise of some kind, as was the case when the battleflags were here, could have been held.

Tonopah takes particular pride in this silver service, inasmuch as its mines produced the bullion out of which it was made. Goldfield which also contributed its precious metal for lining the service, had greater opportunity for preparation, with the lieutenant governor in charge of affairs, and tomorrow the service will be on exhibition there in a public place.

TAKÉ UNIVERSITY OUT OF POLITICS

THE University of Nevada has for many years taken too prominent a part in the politics of the state. At one time it wielded its influence for a powerful foreign corporation, and at all times it was a persistent lobbyist and a dictator. In fact it was a perfect Warwick in Nevada politics.

While no one denies the right of any citizen or group of citizens to possess political beliefs and exercise political prerogatives, the Bonanza does not approve of them wielding a power and influence that should be devoted along the lines for which they were primarily constituted.

The University of Nevada is not a political machine. It is an educational institution and it is to be hoped that in the present and in all other campaigns to come, the directing influences of the school will be devoted to the work for which they were chosen and let the brunt of the political burden fall upon the shoulders of those who have sufficient time to spare to perform this duty.

TONOPAH COURTS PUBLICITY

THE fluctuations in Rescue-Eula and failure of that security to reach the high level in price that its showings justify, are due, in the opinion of local brokers, to but one circumstance. Neither the east nor San Francisco believes than an ore body of the size reported exists, nor that the values are as high as are shown by the mill runs. If the east and San Francisco knew the size and richness of the Murray vein, Extension would not long remain under the \$6 mark, or the Rescue-Eula at its present price, when it should be selling at 75 cents today.

These are but two of the many instances in the camp, which evidence that lack of faith because of lack of knowledge. It is all very well to read a report made by a trustworthy publication, or to hear the tale of Tonopah from the lips of a truthful eye witness, but investors are nearly all Missourians or Texans. They must either be shown or allowed to handle an article before they will purchase.

It was therefore pleasing to have such a body of capitalists as visited Tonopah Sunday come to this camp and inspect the mines and mills. They will have been "shown." They will have had an opportunity to handle the ore where it is in place and the bullion bars, if they possess the strength to lift them. Then they become ardent Tonopah boosters. Nobody ever goes away, speaking pessimistically of this camp, unless they are either ignorant or mendacious.

CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE BY ADMINISTRATION

SO far as the United States being prepared to go to war with any formidable power, such an illusion which is best evidenced by the dilatoriness shown in the pursuit of Villa, which, so far as being through an enemy's country is concerned, is in reality with the consent of General Carranza, the dictator of the republic.

Yet the army does not move. It is four days since Columbus was invaded and many people were killed. The president gave instructions to advance into Mexico and either kill or capture the bandits. But the army has not moved, at least no dispatch to such effect has been received at this writing.

Who can blame a great people for being unprepared for war, when it is being ruled by an administration that cannot send a flying column a hundred miles or two to capture a gang of ruffians, that are not protected even by their own government? Perhaps the administration is giving the officers an opportunity to get their uniforms pressed or the soldiers sufficient time for their laundry to come back.

There are some five or six thousand trained regulars with their horses, their ammunition and supply wagons, even their aero squadron. They have been four years waiting for just what has happened and now that it has happened they are powerless to get on their horses and gallop away.

The president's sudden demand that the nation prepare itself would be laughable, if it were not so criminally serious, in view of the unpreparedness itself of the little army of which he is commander-in-chief.

CLIPPED AND CREDITED

Pittsburgh man who cut his throat with a razor was fined \$25. Right! No way to use a good razor.—Pittsburgh Gazette Times.

O. B. Gay is the name of an Iowa undertaker. He may feel like it when business is good, but he is careful not to show it.—Florida Times Union.

The income of the Czar of Russia is half a million dollars a day. No wonder he held on to his job even when they were throwing bombs at him.—Albany Argus.

One of Mr. Garrison's friends says that he is a man of broad outlook. But that won't help him much, now that he's on the outside looking in.—Philadelphia Ledger.

It might be advanced as an argument against preparedness that we could easily get rid of an invading army by letting it have a trip on the New Haven railroad.—New Orleans States.

New York's street clearing department is bemoaning the scarcity of money to pay for clearing off the snow. There's a case where a large alms fund wouldn't be a bad thing.—Pittsburgh Times.

Col. Roosevelt has gone again on a long journey. Last time he went away he discovered the River of Doubt in South America. In the United States

there is now a River of Doubt as to the current of the Colonel's political intentions.—Tacoma Ledger.

Teddy is coming back from the West Indies. Will Elihu meet him at the dock with a brass band?—Charleston Courier.

The New Haven has purchased 50 new locomotives. Let us hope it will prove to be reckless expenditure.—Pittsburgh Gazette Times.

Mr. Taft, who is quoted as saying that he means to live and die a professor, needn't feel so discouraged. There will be other vacancies on the supreme bench.—St. Louis Democrat.

BIRTHDAY OF IRON CROSS IN GERMANY

NOT LESS THAN HALF MILLION CONFERRED SINCE WAR BEGAN

While the exact number is not known, it is probable that not less than half a million iron crosses have been conferred upon German soldiers since the outbreak of the present war. While the intrinsic value of this decoration is small, the total cost has probably reached an amazing sum. Lavish as has been the distribution of these badges of honor, they are still highly prized by their possessors, while the owner of an iron cross of the first class is everywhere hailed as a hero.

This is the birthday of the Order of the Iron Cross, as it was instituted 103 years ago today by Frederick Wm. III. of Prussia, the father of Emperor William I. and great-grandson of the present Kaiser. Its purpose was to reward those who had performed conspicuous services for the fatherland during the Napoleonic wars. After the conclusion of the struggle with the Corsican the order was in abeyance until the Franco-Prussian war, when it was revived by William I. About 40,000 men were decorated with iron crosses in 1870 and 1871. That record was passed in the first few weeks of the present war, and at the end of eight months 238,261 crosses of the second class and 6,488 crosses of the first class had been distributed. It is probable that not less than thirty tons of metals has been used in fashioning the decorations so far distributed, and that the total cost has been upward of a million dollars.

In making the crosses of iron it was the purpose of King Frederick William, the founder of the order, to remind the wearers of the hard times they have been through. The original

iron cross was a small maltese cross with a narrow silver band inside the beveled edge. In the center were three oak leaves, the royal initials F. W. surmounted by a small crown, and the date 1813. There was first and second class crosses, and a grand cross. The latter is conferred only on commanding officers who have won a decisive battle followed by the forced retirement of the enemy, for the capture of an enemy's fort, or for successfully defending a fort against the enemy.

When the order was revived by William I. in 1870 on the same conditions as originally instituted, the design of the three oak leaves was dropped, and the letter W and the date 1870 substituted for the original initials and date. In 1895 the imperial council ordered the restoration of the three leaves, and the present crosses bear that design.

Only a comparatively small proportion of the crosses distributed in the present war have been for individual acts of bravery. The larger number have been conferred upon all the members of regiments that have performed conspicuously meritorious service.

The iron crosses of the first and second classes are similar in design, but the first class is suspended from a ribbon, and the second class medals are worn at the breast. The grand cross, given only to victorious commanders, is worn at the neck and is twice the size of the ordinary crosses. All of the sons of the Kaiser and nearly all of the scions of royal, ducal and princely houses of Germany have received the iron cross, while a score or more of high officers have had the grand cross conferred upon them by the emperor.

MAPLE FLOOR ARRIVES

The maple floor for the Airdome arrived yesterday and will be put in place as soon as possible, the work beginning Saturday morning. The grand opening will take place the latter part of the month. It will be one of the largest maple floors in the state.

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